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SUBJECT: RNA REQUEST FOR NIGHT SIGHTS

REF: STATE 209688

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL DEFATT MET WITH LT. GEN. SJB RANA, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, ROYAL NEPAL ARMY, TO SEEK MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RNA REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWELVE SCOTOS-I NIGHT SIGHTS, IN ADDITION TO FIVE SMITH AND WESSON SIGHTS REQUESTED EARLIER.

2. GENERAL RANA SAID THAT RNA WISHED TO TEST OUT SIGHTS WITH VIEW OF IMPROVING NIGHT FIGHTING CAPABILITY OF RNA. IF TESTING PROVED SUCCESSFUL IT WAS CONCEIVABLE THAT SOME UNITS OF RNA WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE EQUIPPED WITH SUCH SIGHTS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT RNA MAY BE ASKED AT SOME FUTURE POINT TO SERVE AGAIN IN UNEF TYPE OPERATIONS AND SOME TROOPS SHOULD BE TRAINED IN USE OF NIGHT SIGHTS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION RANA SAID SIGHTS WERE NOT TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PALACE SECURITY BUT WOULD BE USED SOLELY BY RNA IN OPERATIONAL TRAINING.

4. EMBASSY AND DEFATT UNABLE TO OBTAIN MORE DETAILED
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INFORMATION. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT IF SIGHTS PROVE

EFFECTIVE SOME UNITS ALONG INDIAN BORDER WOULD BE ISSUED
EQUIPMENT AS PART OF RNA MISSION TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OF
WEAPONS AND TERRORISTS FROM EXILE GROUPS.
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